

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 310

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the *Maryville Daily Times*  
as the Senior Citizens Home Assistance  
Services Blount County Business of the Year

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable institutions that have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the *Maryville Daily Times* comprise one such institution and evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the *Maryville Daily Times* was recently named the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services Blount County Business of the Year, an honor most befitting its many valuable services to the community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1883 by A.J. Neff and his son, George, the *Daily Times* has been a local, family-owned and operated newspaper for the past 122 years that has endeavored to disseminate the most current and timely information to the citizens of Maryville and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper receives the Associated Press and Gannett News Service wire reports of both words and pictures from a space satellite through a dish on its roof; and

WHEREAS, the *Times* has maintained a circulation in excess of 21,000 in recent years, having the highest percentage growth in Tennessee for two consecutive years, and has frequently ranked number one among all daily newspapers in the nation in penetration of its primary circulation area; and

WHEREAS, the *Daily Times* has won scores of state press awards, including those for investigative reporting, feature writing, photography, sports, color, make-up and appearance, editorials, general excellence, and public service; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in the late nineteenth century, the *Maryville Daily Times* has distinguished itself as a public-spirited corporate citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to Blount County; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper's remarkable success is directly attributable to its staff's unstinting dedication to providing its readers with objective news coverage of an unparalleled caliber; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the *Maryville Daily Times* are wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the management and staff of the *Maryville Daily Times* for their honorable and astute service to the citizens of Tennessee and join in celebrating the newspaper's selection as Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services Blount County Business of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.